

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

### **RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/292,124 of Jeff Kirsner, et al., filed November 12, 2002, and entitled "Invert Drilling Fluids and Methods of Drilling Boreholes," pending, which is a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Application Serial No. ~~10,175,272~~  
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Application Serial No. 10/432,786, respectively.